

# Journal of International Peace and Organization

## CALL FOR PAPERS



Issue 3–4/2021

The editors of the Journal of International Peace and Organization (“Die Friedens-Warte”) are pleased to invite abstracts and contributions in the journal’s second issue of volume 94 (3-4/2021):

- I. Thematic focus issue 3–4/2021
- II. General articles
- III. Conference reports
- IV. Book reviews
- V. Guest editorships

Kindly send your contribution (format: .docx, .rtf or, ideally, .doc) in German or English to [friedenswarte@bwv-verlag.de](mailto:friedenswarte@bwv-verlag.de) by 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 for a first review (manuscripts approx. 45,000 to 70,000 characters; also shorter submissions are welcome). For any further information please see our website [friedenswarte.bwv-verlag.de](http://friedenswarte.bwv-verlag.de).

*With regard to the thematic focus issue, different rules are in force:*

Please send your first thematic ideas or outlines by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to the acting editor for issue 3-4/2021: [michael.staack@hsu-hh.de](mailto:michael.staack@hsu-hh.de).

- I. Thematic focus issue 3–4/2021

### **“MYTHS OF ESTABLISHED SECURITY POLICY II”**

This thematic focus continues the debate started with issue 3-4/2021 (“Myths of Established Security Policy”). Here, the ambiguous term “myth” refers to beliefs that have solidified into dogmas. They promote political decisions that are based on premises that need to be problematized. It is the task of science to critically question, interpret and examine the plausibility of assumptions underlying political decisions. It is evident that even highly problematic decisions can result from faulty assumptions. Widespread myths can block the path to appropriate social discourse and good policies. It is the goal of this thematic focus to address some of these certainties as myths and to deconstruct them in order to break them up and thus correct them.

The thematic focus builds on the deliberations of the VDW’s Study Group “European Security and Peace” of the Federation of German Scientists (VDW). Since 2017, the Study Group has been working on the central interrelationships and challenges of European and global security. In doing

so, it continues the VDW's tradition in the field of cooperative security and peace policy. At the beginning of the VDW's foundation, questions of nuclear disarmament and arms control were at the forefront, which is reflected in particular in the "Göttingen Declaration of 1957 on Nuclear Armament".

In the meantime, new security risks, complex conflict dynamics and crisis constellations have emerged alongside nuclear armament, from climate change to digitalization. The opportunities for a cooperative world order are dwindling. Power politics is fueling a chaotic dynamic that increases the danger of a new uncontrollable arms race, weakens established forms and institutions for dealing with conflicts and clouds the prospect of a sustainable order. With the publication of the "Myth papers" and related comments, a scientific discussion is to be initiated which hopefully lead to critical reflection, but also to new ideas for a better, scientifically informed peace and security policy.

**Supplementary contributions, complementing the pieces of the Study Group, are welcome.**

An additional thematic focus is the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** that entered into force on January 22, 2021. Articles may discuss the relevance of this treaty for international relations and international law as well as its importance in terms of peace ethics.

- II. General articles
- III. Conference reports
- IV. Book reviews

The editors also accept general articles, conference reports and book reviews on any aspect of peace studies lying outside this issue's focus until the date stated for the issue 3-4/2021.

- V. Guest editorships

The Journal of International Peace and Organization ("Die Friedens-Warte") is open to publish entire issues under guest editorship. Please contact one of the editors or the e-mail address [friedenswarte@bwv-verlag.de](mailto:friedenswarte@bwv-verlag.de) with a concept for your own thematic focus or conference issue.

### **About the Journal of International Peace and Organization**

Founded in 1899 by Alfred H. Fried, who was later awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Journal of International Peace and Organization is the oldest journal in the German-speaking world for questions regarding peace and international organization. In addition to serving as a forum for discussion within and between the disciplines of peace studies, the journal seeks to make a traditional contribution by imparting specialist knowledge to political practice, necessary for a policy of active peacebuilding. In line with the interdisciplinary character of peace studies, renowned national and international scholars from various disciplines express their views in the form of special contributions on current and fundamental topics of peace and conflict research in the Journal of International Peace and Organization.

Since at least the end of the East-West conflict, peace is no longer defined by the mere absence of interstate violence, but as a complex and multilayered concept that includes the conditions of non-violent coexistence. Today's peace studies consider the dynamics and consequences of domestic violent conflicts, economic impoverishment, climate catastrophes as well as the threat of international terrorism and threats to the security of the individual. This broadening of the focus is accompanied by an expansion of the relevant disciplines: next to political sciences and the law, economics and natural sciences as well as social-psychological, sociological and social-

anthropological analyses offer significant contributions to debates in peace studies. Peace studies have an explicit interdisciplinary character.

The Journal of International Peace and Organization (“Die Friedens-Warte”) is a refereed journal. Submitted articles are subject to a double-blind, external peer review process that decides whether they are accepted into the journal.

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